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### **Arrest Made in Contra Costa County Arson Fires**

**Sacramento** - The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF), has arrested Jesse Lloyd Galvin, 53, of Clayton on multiple arson counts in Contra Costa County.

Investigators from the CDF Arson Investigation Unit maintained surveillance on Galvin prior to the arrest. The arrest was made by CDF peace officers at Galvin's residence on Marsh Creek Road, at 10:30 p.m. on Monday July 17. He is accused of setting five fires in the area of Marsh Creek Road and Morgan Territory Road in eastern Contra Costa County.

The arson fires had the potential to endanger many private homes in the area of Morgan Territory Road and Marsh Creek Road, as well as Morgan Territory Regional Preserve and the Mount Diablo State Park. Large amounts of fuels created by the heavy rains this last winter and recent hot weather had the potential of creating devastating wildfires as a result of the arson fires.

All of the fires occurred in the State Responsibility Area, where CDF has primary responsibility for wildland fire protection. Investigators from the Santa Clara Unit of CDF alerted the Arson Investigation Unit following a series of fires that began earlier this summer. Fortunately, due to aggressive suppression efforts by CDF and Contra Costa County Fire Department, all of the fires were contained while still relatively small, but property damage occurred on at least one of the arson fires.

The team included investigators from the Santa Clara CDF Unit as well as the CDF Arson Investigation Unit. Galvin was arrested with assistance from Contra County Sheriff's Office and investigators from the Contra Costa County Fire Department. The investigation team is still reviewing other fires in the area and additional charges could be filed against Galvin.